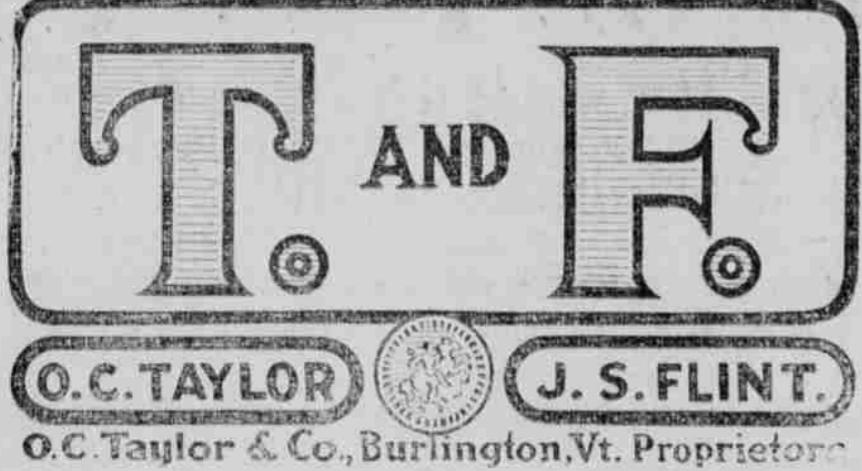


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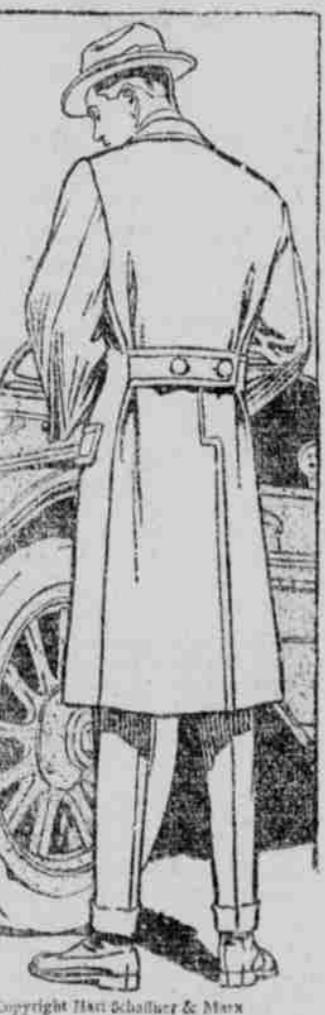
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OUR NEWEST INDUSTRY

Bennington's board of trade has added one more trophy to its already creditable string in organizing and finally establishing another new industry, the Bennington Hosiery company. Shortly after the factory of the Vermont Hosiery and Machinery company on Gaze street was closed the board undertook to carry through one of several plans whereby the plant could again be put in operation. There were so many complications, however, that the attempt resulted in a failure.

The members of the board, however, still held to the idea that Bennington should have a stocking factory and the result was the organization of the Bennington Hosiery company last March. Quarters were secured, machinery was installed and the manufacture of a special line of hosiery that has found a ready market was begun. Business was good from the start and the company gradually added to its equipment. In a few months that have elapsed the business was put on such an excellent foundation that larger quarters were necessary, a contingency that was met this week by the purchase of the Tiffany property. The newly-acquired plant is large enough to meet all present demands and to allow for the expansion that the company is confident will follow.

The board of trade is especially entitled to credit in this case because of its pertinacity in sticking to the idea of establishing a hosiery manufacturing business in Bennington a time when the outlook did not look all encouraging. The failure to organize and secure the plant of the Vermont Hosiery and Machinery company was disheartening. The negotiations ran over several months and consumed energy and money. Then the conclusion was finally reached that it was impossible to revive the industry in its original form. It looked as though the incantation must be considered closed. The active members of the board, however, still held to the idea of a hosiery factory, if not at the Gaze street site, then in some other locality and they have carried their plans to successful conclusion.

The board of trade has already demonstrated that it is a vital fact in the industrial life of Bennington to return to the organization of the board there had not for a number of years been any increase in the number of manufacturing concerns. The once-established industries had increased their facilities and expanded so that there has been a healthy growth of business but there was a concerted movement to bring new manufacturing to Bennington. The board has not only provided the movement but it has accomplished results. tangible evidence of the success of their efforts can be seen in the old athletic field where the extensive buildings to be used by the Bennington Sewer Works are in process of construction and in the organization of the Bennington Hosiery company. It has other plans shaped for still more business and with the impetus that the movement has already acquired there should be yet more successes.

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TELEPHONE HEARING

Investigation at Montpelier Takes

New Lease of Life.

Montpelier, Nov. 19.—It began to look as if the telephone investigation before the public service commission was on the home stretch when Attorney Graham, for the state, began his cross-examination of General Auditor Longley this afternoon with reference to the affairs of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company.

The end is not yet in sight, however, although the inquiry into the transactions of the subsidiary companies is practically concluded.

Evidently the examination of the affairs of the New England company is to be critical and exhaustive as the state has retained the services of Frank E. Fowle, a well-known New York telephone engineer.

Attorney Cook reappeared this afternoon with his left shoulder bandaged on account of injuries received from a fall last week. Although hampered by a dislocation and a slight fracture, he will be able to carry on his part of the work.

The total capitalization of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company is \$43,985,400. Out of 251,716 shares the American Telephone and Telegraph company owns 38.4 per cent. Its original interest in the New England company was obtained from the American Bell company, its predecessor. That company owned the Bell patents and in 1883, when the New England company was formed, it gave the latter company a license to do business in this section of the country in exchange for stock amounting to \$4,265,000.

When an inventory taken by order of the Massachusetts highway commission a few years ago disclosed a plant value of more than \$5,000,000 in excess of the book value of the property, this amount originally paid for contracts and leases was written off the books and is no longer carried as an asset.

Mr. Longley gave a history of the organization of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company. It was organized October 19, 1883, and began business on November 1 of that year. Eight different companies were purchased.

The total plant so purchased aggregated \$5,885,000. For the right to do business under the Bell patents in New England the New England company gave the American Bell Telephone company stock to the value of \$1,268,000, and also issued 50,000 shares of stock worth \$231,000, making the total capitalization at that time \$10,391,000.

Mr. Longley was questioned as to the number of items contained in the balance sheet presented yesterday, and gave figures which will probably be analyzed by the engineer. Some of the more interesting items were as follows: Cost of toll pole lines in Vermont, \$428,519; total toll wire, \$881,176.50; cost of switchboards, \$153,127.54; cost of the Burlington central office, including land and building, \$29,351.52.

Mr. Longley in describing how the amount of toll income credited to Vermont was determined produced several interesting calculations from his books.

Instead of counting the mileage on each individual toll call a percentage figure is obtained by averaging such actual calls for a month and this percentage figure is used in apportioning the toll income.

Mr. Longley said he thought this method of determining the apportionment was not only fair to Vermont, but about 2 per cent larger than it would be if an exact computation of every call were made.

A balance sheet for 1911 showed a net revenue for the New England company's Vermont business of \$19,540. The 1912 balance sheet showed net earnings of \$11,525,339, the falling off for 1912 being ascribed to increases in the cost of operation and of repairs. A balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 1912, showed a net revenue of \$13,587.19.

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